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LIFELINE®: REDEFINING DEATH

In February, the fifth *LIFELINE*, a six-day graduate course, held at the Institute Center proved to be a landmark program. Like tumblers in a lock, *LIFELINE*'s distinctive features, refined and matured since the program's inception in June of 1991, fell into place with a nearly audible "click." A new gateway swung wide on its hinges—a gateway into territory previously charted by a very few conscious explorers, and some others who discovered it by accident. *LIFELINE* leads participants along the consciousness continuum to the very edge of human experience, offering us an opportunity to be of service to those who are no longer physical.

LIFELINE introduces, and operates within, very deep states of awareness: Focus 22 through Focus 27. From these unique levels contact is made with individuals who have died physically but, for various reasons, remain "stuck"—unable to detach completely from the earth energy systems. One stated objective of *LIFELINE* is to rescue or retrieve these individuals, guiding them beyond the earth experience to a "reception center" (Focus 27) where they can rest, review their life experiences, and consider their next evolutionary steps. One participant described the retrieval process as follows:

"I felt a wave flow over me, a soothing wave that relaxed me and sent me deeper within myself. But this wave was different, a multidimensional wave that seemed to exist in both the physical and nonphysical. My perspective was from a point well inside the usual shell of perception... the subtle awareness of this level and its true reality became evident to me... I perceived the existence of a soul that still hadn't come to grips with the reality of his death. I lifted him to the reception level. My perspective was one of detachment, but afterward the weight of the significance hit me like a ton of bricks. The 'other side,' as it were, does not have to be perceived as a strange, eerie place beyond imagination, for it is just a phase away. A shift of perception along with a subtle awareness is all that is needed."

Healing is the second stated objective of *LIFELINE*. Using the Dolphin Energy Club (DEC) processes designed for *LIFELINE*, participants actively engage in sending positive, healing energy to others who have given their permission, and to themselves. DEC activities are also available to TMI members and other program graduates (see "Dolphin Energy Club" article in this issue).

As the theme of service inherent in *LIFELINE* echoes along the consciousness continuum, its essence is clearly articulated by one participant who states "... 'rescue and retrieval' is not necessarily about performing a service to others, but rather about performing a service for ourselves, thus performing for others as well."

HOW REAL IS REAL? LIFELINE VERIFICATIONS

Is empirical evidence necessary to validate the *LIFELINE* experience? Will objective proof convince the skeptics? Are we seeking the existence of an absolute reality? The answer to these questions is, obviously, no. But, like Bob Monroe inquiring into the nature of his early out-of-body experiences, we are rational as well as intuitive beings. Our "left-brain" analytical faculties serve us well and deserve to be rewarded with occasional "facts." Retrieval verifications provide such facts.

For example, we received verification of a retrieval in February during filming for a Japanese TV special (see "Hemi- Lync" in this issue). Teena Anderson, one of our *LIFELINE* trainers, agreed to be filmed as the subject of a session in our laboratory isolation booth. While demonstrating the various Focus levels during the experiment, Teena was spontaneously called by someone to perform a retrieval. The taping continued as she reported meeting a twenty-three-year-old woman named Elizabeth Wren Taylor who died in an automobile crash on February thirteenth or eighteenth of this year in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. (The actual names are changed.)

Following the session, the TV commentator and other crew members began attempts to verify this information. A convoluted trail of clues and many hours later, it was confirmed that a woman in her early twenties named Elizabeth Francis Taylor from Doylestown, Pennsylvania, had experienced a death on February thirteenth. However, it was not she who died in the car crash, but her father, in the same town.

Since *LIFELINE* was first conceived, the notion of forming a research department to verify retrieval information gathered by the program participants was a part of it. The maintenance of such a department requires a level of staff participation beyond our current resources. We are, therefore, seeking volunteer *LIFELINE* researchers—interested TMI members and associates who are fascinated by this work and who are willing to contribute their investigative skills to the process. If you are one of these folks, drop a card with your name, address, and telephone number to the TMI FOCUS. We'll be in touch.

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